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## **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A switching system for coupling a telecommunications device to a wireless network or a wireline network includes a wireless telecommunication interface configured to couple to a wireless telecommunications device configured to transfer data to and from a wireless telecommunications network, a wireline phone interface configured to couple to a wireline-network phone, a wireline network interface configured to couple to a wireline phone network, a switching mechanism configured to selectively couple the wireline-network phone interface to the wireless telecommunication interface or to the wireline network interface, and a controller coupled to the switching mechanism and configured to control the selective coupling effected by the switching mechanism.

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